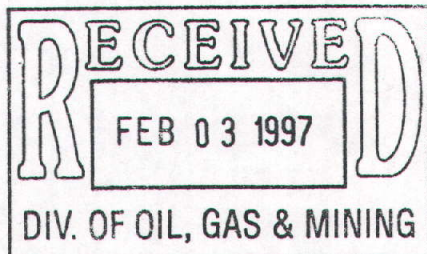


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TRANSFER OF NOTICE OF INTENTION
LARGE MINING OPERATIONS

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1. (a) Notice of intention to be transferred (file number): M/053/004
(b) Name of mining operation: Apex Mine
(c) Location of mining operation (county): Washington
(d) Name, telephone number and mailing address of the operator currently holding the notice of intention (transferor):
Hecla Mining Company Phone: (801) 628-1635
P. O. Box 2407
St. George, UT 84771
2. (a) Name, telephone number and mailing address of the operator acquiring the notice of intention (transferee):
Cominco American Incorporated Phone: (509) 747-6111
P. O. Box 3087
Spokane, WA 99220
(b) Name, telephone number and address of the authorized representatives of the Transferee to whom any notices under the provisions of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act may be sent:
David W. Godlewski, Environmental Manager
Cominco American Incorporated
15918 East Euclid Avenue
Spokane, WA 99216-1815
3. (a) The total disturbed area identified in the approved notice of intention: 9 acre
(b) The actual number of acres disturbed by the operation through date of transfer:
9 (disturbed by previous operators)

- (c) Attach a legal description of above acreages as Appendix "A" and a map of suitable scale with actual disturbed areas clearly shown and identified.
4. This application must be accompanied by a fully executed and signed Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC).

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STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KOOTENAI)

SWORN STATEMENT OF TRANSFEROR

I, Nathaniel K. Adams being first duly sworn under oath, depose and say that I am Assistant Secretary(officer or agent) of HECLA MINING COMPANY (Corporation/Company Name); and that I am duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; that I have read the said application and fully know the contents thereof; that all statements contained in the transfer application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By execution of this statement I certify that the Transferor is in full compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and the terms and conditions of Notice of Intention No. M/053/004



Signature

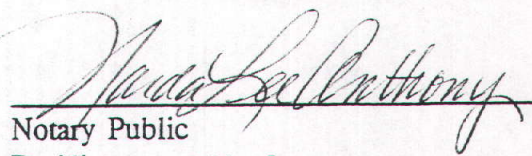
NATHANIEL K. ADAMS

Name (Typed or Print)

Assistant Secretary

Title

Subscribed and sworn before me this 24th day of January, 1997.



Notary Public
Residing at: Athol

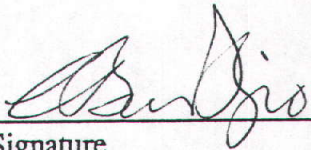
My commission Expires:

August 5, ~~19~~ 2000

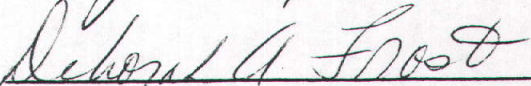
STATE OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SPOKANE)

FINAL SWORN STATEMENT OF TRANSFEREE

C. Bruce DiLuzio being first duly sworn under oath, depose and say that I am Secretary (officer or agent) of Cominco American Incorporated (Corporation/Company Name); and that I am duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; that I have read the application and fully understand the contents thereof; that all statements contained in the transfer application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By execution of this statement, the Transferee agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of Notice of Intention No. M/053/004, the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.


Signature
C. Bruce DiLuzio
Name (Typed or Print)
Secretary
Title

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of January, 1997.


Notary Public
Residing at: Spokane, WA

My commission Expires:

5/11, 1999.

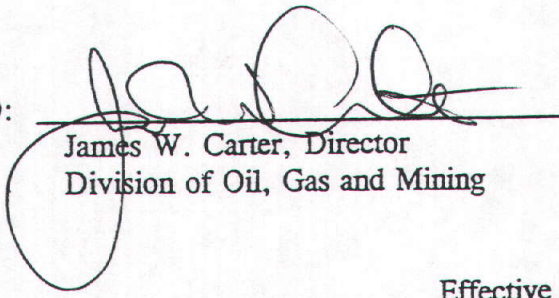
CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application and do hereby grant the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- (a) This transfer of notice of intention grants only the right to affect the lands described in Appendix "A".
- (b) The transferee has provided to the Division a fully executed and signed Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC). The surety shall be effective on the date of transfer.
- (c) The transferee, or such other person as required by UCA 1953, Title 40-8, has acquired legal right to mine for lands described in Appendix "A".

COMMENTS:

APPROVED:


James W. Carter, Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Effective Date:

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APPENDIX "A"

Cominco American Incorporated
Operator Mine Name

Apex Mine

M/053/004
Permit Number

Washington County, Utah

The legal description of lands to be disturbed is:

Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 17 West

Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Township 43 South, Range 18 West

Washington County, Utah